

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-3. (CANCELED)

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A digital still camera having an image sensing device for sensing an image of a subject and outputting image data representing the image of the subject, and an image recording controller for recording image data output from the image sensing device, on a recording medium, comprising:

a mode selection unit for selecting a voice recording mode or a character recording mode;

a voice input unit for inputting a voice and outputting voice data representing the voice;

a voice recording controller for recording the voice data output from said voice input unit on the recording medium in response to a selection of the voice recording mode by said mode selection unit;

a character data generating unit for generating character data representing the voice data output from said voice input unit;

a character recording controller for recording the character data generated by said character data generating unit on the recording medium in

response to a selection of the character recording mode by said mode selection unit;

a determination unit for determining whether the digital still camera has a voice output unit when playback is performed;

a second control unit, responsive to a determination by said determination unit that the camera has said voice output unit, for outputting the voice by the voice data to said voice output unit and halting display of characters represented by the character data; and

a third control unit, responsive to a determination by said determination unit that the camera does not have said voice output unit, for controlling a display unit so as to display the characters represented by the character data.

5-35. (CANCELED)

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A digital still camera having an image sensing device for sensing an image of a subject and outputting image data representing the image of the subject, and an image recording controller for recording image data output from the image sensing device, on a recording medium, comprising:

a voice input unit to enable input of voice and to enable output of voice data representing the voice;

a voice recording controller to enable recording the voice data output from said voice input unit on the recording medium;

a character data generating unit to enable generating character data representing the voice data output from said voice input unit;

a character recording controller to enable recording the character data generated by said character data generating unit on the recording medium;

a determination unit to enable determining whether the digital still camera has a voice output unit when playback is performed; and

a control unit, responsive to a determination by said determination unit that the camera has said voice output unit, to enable output of the voice represented by the voice data to said voice output unit and to enable halting display of characters represented by the character data.

37. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A digital still camera having an image sensing device for sensing an image of a subject and outputting image data representing the image of the subject, and an image recording controller for recording image data output from the image sensing device, on a recording medium, comprising:

a voice input unit to enable input of voice and to enable output of voice data representing the voice;

a voice recording controller to enable recording the voice data output from said voice input unit on the recording medium;

a character data generating unit to enable generating character data representing the voice data output from said voice input unit;

a character recording controller to enable recording the character data generated by said character data generating unit on the recording medium;

a determination unit to enable determining whether the digital still camera has a voice output unit when playback is performed; and

a control unit, responsive to a determination by said determination unit that the camera does not have said voice output unit, to enable controlling a display unit so as to display characters represented by the character data.

38-40. (CANCELED)